

Washington State Conservation Commission Regular Meeting

FINAL MINUTES

Lacey, Washington
February 19, 2010

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/WSCC) held a telephonic special meeting on February 19, 2010. Commission Chair Lynn Bahrych called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Lynn Bahrych, Chair
Lynn Brown, Member
Josh Baldi, Member
John Winder, Member
Clay Sprague, Member
Dean Longrie, Member
Tracy Eriksen, Member
Jim Peters, Member
Fred Colvin, Member

COMMISSION STAFF

Mark Clark, Executive Director
Ron Shultz, Policy Director
Josh Giuntoli, OFP Program Coordinator
Megan Finkenbinder, Program Specialist

OFP Grants for Local Ag Planning

Ron Shultz, SCC Staff, provided information on the grant opportunity coming out of the Recreation and Conservation Office, Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. The funding provided would be used to develop Ag strategic plans at a local level.

OFP Farmland Preservation Grants

Staff detailed two possible courses SCC could take as applications come in. The first would be simply pass them through to RCO, the second would be to rank and score projects before moving forward.

Commissioner Colvin moved that the Conservation Commission develop a ranking criteria for applications of Office of Farmland Preservation Grants. The ranking criteria is to be developed before the applications are sent to the Recreation and Conservation Office, Commissioner Peters seconded.

Motion adopted.

There was discussion about the elements found in the draft score sheet and how there needs to be room for scorers to look at a project in a larger context and not just as a score on a page. Discussion about respecting local planning efforts aside from agricultural planning.

Commission Bahrych would like a subcommittee put together to develop the ranking criteria. Commissioners Colvin, Eriksen, Brown, Bahrych and Faulconer will sit on that subcommittee.

Approved at the March 18, 2010 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Colvin moved to approve the pre-application and authorize SCC Staff to send out on Monday, February 22nd, 2010, Commissioner Peters seconded.

Motion adopted

Adjournment

Commission Chair Lynn Bahrych adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.